



September 9, 2010

Representative David Obey  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and  
Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and  
Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Obey and Chairman Harkin:

On behalf of the Nursing Community, a forum of professional nursing organizations representing over 850,000 Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), nurse faculty, students, and researchers, the 45 undersigned organizations are writing to express our appreciation for the level of funding provided to the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII, Public Health Service Act) in the respective House and Senate FY 2011 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bills.

Your Subcommittee's investment of \$292 million for nursing education illustrates support for and recognition of the fundamental role nurses play in our nation's healthcare system. RNs and APRNs are vital to ensuring direct availability to high quality, cost-effective health care. At a time when nearly 30 million individuals will soon have access to health insurance as a result of the health reform law, RNs and APRNs will be in great demand in all areas of our nation. Significantly increasing the level of funding for nursing education will benefit future RNs and APRNs, but also the American public at large.

We recognize the magnitude this funding will have on the growth of the nursing workforce and thank you for your foresight to provide such a strong investment. The Nursing Community stands ready to offer our support and assistance to ensure that this level of funding is enacted during the FY 2011 appropriations process.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of the Nursing Workforce Development programs. Please let us know how we can be of any assistance as the appropriations process moves forward.

Sincerely,

AANAC  
Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners  
American Academy of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
American College of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses' Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Nurses Society on Addictions  
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing  
National American Arab Nurses Association  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations  
National Nursing Centers Consortium  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Visiting Nurse Associations of America  
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society